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SUBJECT: SUDDEN CEAUSESCU TRIP TO ME

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1. AGERPRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CEAUSESCU IS MAKING SHORT

"FRIENDSHIP VISIT" TO DAMASCUS AND CAIRO. WE UNDERSTAND DEUTSCHE WELLE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CEAUSESCU AND PARTY HAVE ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS FOR DAY OR SO OF "TALKS" BEFORE GOING ON TO CAIRO. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST CLAIMS VISIT WAS ARRANGED "DIRECTLY BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS" WITHOUT ITS HELP (IT WAS INFORMED ONLY APRIL 23 BY MFA) AND EXPECTS CEAUSESCU TO STAY LESS THAN DAY, PERHAPS ONLY HOURS, IN CAIRO, WHENCE SADAT WILL ALLEGEDLY RETURN FROM TEHRAN EVENING APRIL 24. ARAB EMBOFFS SEEM UNINFORMED AS TO PURPOSE OF VISIT, EXCEPT THAT EGYPTIAN EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT IF CEAUSESCU ATTEMPTING TO TAKE DIRECT AND ACTIVE PART IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONSULTATIONS, THIS WOULD MARK DEPARTURE FROM MORE CAUTIOUS PAST ROLE.

2. COMMENT. TRIP IS QUITE UNUSUAL BOTH IN ITS TIMING AND ITS UNEXPECTEDNESS. CEAUSESCU HAS JUST COMPLETED TWO-WEEK TRIP TO ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST (JORDAN AND TUNISIA) AS WELL AS PLAYING HOST TO PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA. ONE GUESS IS THAT CEAUSESCU HAS DECIDED MOMENT HAS COME TO PUSH HARD FOR SEAT AT CONFERENCE TABLE AT GENEVA WITH RENEWED ME NEGOTIATIONS LOOMING THERE. GOR HAS LONG HELD THAT ROOM SHOULD BE MADE FOR OTHER INTERESTED STATES SHOULD MULTILATERAL TALKS RESUME, AND THAT ROMANIA HAS UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. HOWEVER, HE HAS SPOKEN RECENTLY OF USING "OTHER PATHS" AS WELL AS GENEVA AND THIS MAY BE HIS BID TO BUILD ONE. BARNES

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